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FOR SSM FOR KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, UN

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT INTRUSION INTO BUFFER ZONE

REF: A) KONTOS-THORNE PHONE CON OF APRIL 9

B) SINAI 561, C) SINAI 563, D) STATE 089191,

E) SINAI 579

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 4 REF D I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT
REF C WAS NOT MEANT TO PROVIDE DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF
THE REPORTING PROCEDURES TO THE TWO PARTIES AND THE UN.
A REPORT ALMOST IDENTICAL TO REF B WAS PASSED TO THE
GOE LIAISON OFFICER AT E-1 AT 102130Z APR, TO THE
IDF LIAISON OFFICER AT CHECKPOINT BRAVO AT 102135Z, AND
BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, TO THE UNEF
HEADQUARTERS DUTY OFFICER AT 102208Z. BECAUSE I WAS
SICK THAT EVENING AND BECAUSE THE FINAL RECAPITULATION
AND COORDINATION OF OBSERVERS REPORTS
RECEIVED FROM E-1, GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION, J-1 AND
COM/OPS AT THE BASE CAMP WAS NOT COMPLETED UNTIL 0130
LOCAL, THE WATCH OFFICER DID NOT WAKE ME AND THEREFORE
REFS B AND C WERE SENT THE FOLLOWING MORNING. STANDING
INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN REITERATED HERE TO SEE THAT
WASHINGTON, EMBASSY TEL AVIV, AMCONSUL JERUSALEM AND
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EMBASSY CAIRO ARE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY AND AT THE SAME TIME THAT

EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE UN ARE NOTIFIED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5 REFTEL D, I INFORMED YOU IN REF A THAT I WAS GOING TO JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES IN THE BUFFER ZONE AS WELL AS AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE GIDDI EAST SENSOR FIELD. IN REF B I STATED THAT I WAS GOING TO JERUSALEM "TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES IN THE BUFFER ZONE" AND ADDED THAT I WOULD DISCUSS THIS INCIDENT WITH THE GOI CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER. SINCE CAIRO AND JERUSALEM ALSO KNEW THIS, I DID NOT THINK THAT CONFUSING, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF REF A.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS AND INTRUSIONS: QUOTE REPORTS OF INCIDENTS AND INTRUSIONS REQUIRE PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE DEPARTMENT. ONCE THE SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT AN INTRUSION HAS OCCURRED AND HAS VERIFIED THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE WILL PREPARE HIS REPORT OF RECORD. THIS WILL BE TELEPHONED TO E-1 AND J-1 AND RADIOED TO CHECKPOINT ALPHA. A SINGLE MULTIPLE-ADDRESSEE MESSAGE EMBODYING THE TEXT OF THE REPORT OF RECORD WILL BE SENT BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE TO EMBASSIES CAIRO AND TEL AVIV, AMCONSUL JERUSALEM, AND SECSTATE. THIS MESSAGE WILL BE CAPTIONED: FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. THEN THE REPORT OF RECORD WILL BE HAND DELIVERED TO E-1, J-1 AND CHECKPOINT ALPHA. THE LIAISON OFFICER WHO DELIVERS THE REPORT WILL OBTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF EACH PERSON RECEIVING THE REPORT AND WRITE THE DATE TIME GROUP OF EACH DELIVERY ON ONE COPY OF THE REPORT, WHICH WILL THEN BECOME THE SFM FILE COPY. AN ADDITIONAL MESSAGE MAY BE SENT TO SECSTATE IF IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SSM WITH SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS. UNQUOTE.

4. HAVE BEEN INFORMED THIS AFTERNOON THAT INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN REF E IS PARTIALLY CONCLUDED AND HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DURING THE HOLY WEEK. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE FINAL RESULTS BEFORE THE WEEK OF 26 APRIL. THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT IS UNDER ARREST AND THE ISRAELIS THINK THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A PRANK BY THE PILOT WHO HAD IN CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT BEEN DISPATCHED ON A NIGHT MEDEVAC TO THE RAS SUDAR AREA TO PICK UP FOUR ISRAELI SOLDIERS INJURED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT. THORNE

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